

For households

Osaka City Environment Bureau

# A B C of Waste Disposal Rules

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Be sure to accurately separate household waste by type.

Osaka City promotes waste recycling by collecting waste separated by type, aiming to cut down on the consumption of precious natural resources and reduce burdens on the natural environment, such as global warming.

Since October 2013, the City has adopted measures to ensure that all citizens correctly observe the rules for separating different waste types: **recyclable waste, plastic containers or packaging, used paper or clothes, or bulky waste**, all of which must be separated from household waste. If waste separation rules are not followed, such as mixing different wastes, warning stickers will be affixed on household waste bags with mixed wastes, and such waste bags will not be collected.

We look forward to your understanding and cooperation to further promote waste reduction.

[If your waste bags are not collected, be sure to take the bags back home, correctly separate the waste again, and place the correctly separated household waste, recyclable waste, plastic containers and packaging, and used paper and clothes at the relevant spots on the designated collection days separately.]

## System for designating see-through waste bags (transparent or semi-transparent) for use for waste collection

Use see-through waste bags (transparent or semi-transparent) for separated collection of household waste, recyclable waste, plastic containers and packaging, and used paper and clothes. Do not use bags, cardboard boxes or paper bags through which the contents cannot be checked. Waste in such bags or boxes cannot be collected.

For mobile devices



## Waste separation app San-aru

This app, available on iOS and Android devices, has the functions of waste separation search, reminder of waste collection dates, and more.



QR code for App Store (for iOS users)



QR code for Google Play (for Android users)

## Try to reduce waste from your household!

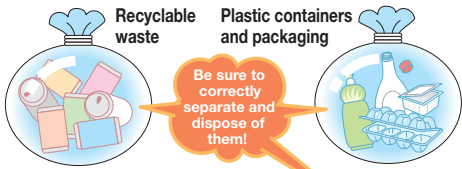

- Effective use of precious natural resources and conservation of the global environment require “3R” efforts: efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle waste.
- Waste reduction will not be achieved without the cooperation of all citizens. The concrete efforts shown on the right will help you contribute to further waste reduction!

### Efforts to reduce or reuse waste

- Take your own shopping bag with you when you go shopping to avoid buying plastic shopping bags at the cashier. A plastic shopping bag: about 10 g 
- Do not leave food uneaten and throw it away. Avoid buying too much or unnecessary food. A bowl of rice: about 140 g 
- Select products in returnable bottles that can be used repeatedly, and return such bottles after use. A medium beer bottle: about 350 g 
- Sell used but still wearable clothes at a garage sale or flea market, or give such clothes to other people. A T-shirt: about 100 g 

\* A daily waste reduction of 100 g per household would result in an annual waste reduction of about 53,000 tons in Osaka City. (100 g × 1.45 million households × 365 days = about 53,000 t)

### Efforts to recycle waste

- Separate recyclable waste, and plastic containers and packaging, from other types of waste, and appropriately dispose of them. 
- Have used paper—including newspapers, magazines and cardboard—and used clothes collected on the occasion of collection of separated used paper and clothes, collective resource collection, etc. 

Be sure to correctly separate and dispose of them!

Used paper and clothes

## Service of visiting your house to collect waste (Fureai waste collection)

Osaka City provides the service of **Fureai waste collection**: sending Environment Bureau staff to the households of **citizens who have difficulty taking waste out** of their houses to designated waste collection spots or downstairs garbage areas for their apartments, including **households of single elderly persons (aged 65 or over), consisting only of elderly people, or with persons with disabilities**, to collect their household waste for free.



If you need, staff will visit you to collect household waste, recyclable waste, plastic containers and packaging, or used paper and clothes, as well as bulky waste. For more details, contact the Environment Management Center in charge of your area. (See page 8.)

## Service informing you of the necessity to confirm the safety of people related to you

For Fureai waste collection, the staff basically greet service users saying, for example, “Hello, I’m from the Environment Bureau. I’m here to collect your waste.” If the service user does not reply to the staff member, or if the waste is not put in the designated spot on the appointed date, the relevant Environment Management Center will contact the contact person registered beforehand to request that he/she confirm the safety of the service user.

